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SUB: RESEARCH CRUISE R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN HAS
SCHEDULED A BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH CRUISE MIAMI TO CURACAO,
MARCH 20 TO APRIL 15. ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

MARCH 20 DEPART MIAMI

MARCH 22 HOGSTY REEF, BAHAMAS

MARCH 23 PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS

MARCH 26 ISLA AVES, VEN

MARCH 27 - 29 MARTINIQUE

MARCH 30 - 31 ST LUCIA

APRIL 1 - 3 ST VINCENT & GRENADINES

APRIL 4 - 5 LA BLANQUILLA, VEN

APRIL 6 - 8 LOS ROQUES, VEN

APRIL 9 - 11 ISLA LAS AVES, VEN

APRIL 12 - 13 BONAIRE

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APRIL 14 - 15 CURACAO

2. PURPOSE OF CRUISE IS INVESTIGATION OF CORAL REEF BIOLOGY. SCIENTIFIC PARTY UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. DENNIS L. TAYLOR OF UNIV OF MIAMI WILL STUDY INTERACTIONS AMONG MEMBERS OF CORAL REEF BIOLOGICAL REEF COMMUNITIES DURING BRIEF STOPS ABOVE LOCATIONS - LONGEST IS APPROX TWO AND A HALF DAYS. SYSTEMATIC COLLECTIONS OF FLORA AND FAUNA

WILL BE MADE FOR TAXONOMIC PURPOSES. ALSO SCIENTISTS WILL MAKE MEASUREMENTS OF CORAL GROWTH RATES AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY. THEY WILL CONDUCT SERIES OF DIVES USING SCUBA GEAR FOR THEIR OBSERVING AND COLLECTING. DATA WILL AVAILABLE AT LATER DATE UPON REQUEST, AND POSTS WILL BE FURNISHED COPIES CRUISE REPORTS FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN FEW MONTHS AFTER CRUISE COMPLETION. ONE OR TWO BERTHS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS.

3. R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN IS 170 FT, 260 TON VESSEL PRIVATELY OPERATED BY UNIV OF MIAMI. MASTER IS SID HARTSHORNE WITH CREW OF 12 AND 12 TO 13 EXPECTED IN SCIENTIFIC PARTY.

4. ACTION NASSAU: AS APPROPRIATE - MIAMI BELIEVES YEAR TO YEAR AGREEMENT THEY MAINTAIN WITH GOCB COVERS WORK DR. TAYLOR DESIRES. POUCHING LIST SCIENTIFIC COMPLEMENT.

5. ACTION OTHER POSTS: INITIATE REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TERRITORIAL SEAS ON OR ABOUT ABOVE DATES; REQUEST SHOULD ALSO COVER PRESENCE SMALL SHORE PARTIES FOR COLLECTING/OBSERVATION PURPOSES. RUSH

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